GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS TO TAMILNADU FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allocated more funds to Tamil Nadu for existing developmental projects;

(b) if so, the details of funds disbursed under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes to Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(c) whether the amount has not been completely utilized by the State Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons alongwith steps taken by the Government to utilize the allocated amount?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Water Resources is providing Central assistance to irrigation projects and not for any other developmental projects. Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) is provided for completion of such approved on-going major/medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and an amount of Rs. 20 crore has been provided to the Government of Tamil Nadu during 1996-97. Under the centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme with the objective of bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and that utilized through efficient utilization of created irrigation potential and optimizing agricultural production/productivity from irrigated lands on sustainable basis, Central assistance of Rs.16.77 crore, Rs. 15.61 crore and Rs. 23.05 crore during the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively was provided to the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(c)&(d) As there was shortfall in expenditure and CLA of Rs. 11.060 crore was pending with the State as on 1-4-2002, further CLA under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) was not provided to the Government of Tamil Nadu. Central assistance under Command Area Development Programme (CADP) is released to the State Government on the basis of physical progress achieved upto last quarter, on reconciliation of expenditure under CADP norms for the previous year as well as utilization certificate furnished for the amount released during last year.